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PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 20561YDA

First Inventor or Application Identifier Leonardus H.T. Van der Ploeg

Title Melanocortin-3 Receptor Deficient Cells, Non-Human Transgenic Animals and Methods of Selecting Compounds Which Regulate Body Weight

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
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2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 61]
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 23]
4. Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33 (b).
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. ☒ Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☒ paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☐ Assignment papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
10. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
11. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
12. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
13. ☒ Other: Trans Form - Div Appln 37CFR1.53(b)

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09 / 709,066

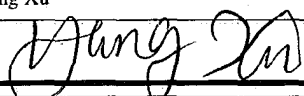
Prior application information: Examiner Falk, Anne Marie Group/Art Unit: 1632

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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Examiner	Falk, Anne Marie
Art Unit	1632

Sir: This is a request for filing a ☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional

application, under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending application Serial No. 09/709,066 filed on

November 19, 2000

(DATE)

of Leonardus H.T. Van der Ploeg, Howard Y. Chen and Airu S. Chen

(INVENTOR)

for Melanocortin-3 Receptor Deficient Cells, Non-Human Transgenic Animals and Methods of Selecting Compounds Which Regulate Body Weight

(TITLE OF INVENTION)

1. The enclosed comprises a copy of prior application Serial No. 09/709,066, as filed on 11/19/2000. The entire disclosure of this prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	52	20	\$18	\$576
Independent Claims	17	3	\$84	\$1,176
*Multiple Dependent Claims	1		\$280	\$280
Basic Fee (minimum amount required)				\$750
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3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2755.

4. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
-- This is a ☐ continuation, ☒ division of application Serial No. 09/709,066
filed 11/19/2000
5. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims: ~~2, 6, 9, 33, 34~~ 1-29, 33-35
6. ☒ Preliminary amendment enclosed.
7. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 enclosed.
- 8a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
- 8b. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 9a. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed _____, in _____ (COUNTRY) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- 9b. ☐ The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.
10. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Merck & Co., Inc. Rahway, NJ
11. ☒ The undersigned attorney or agent has:
- a. ☐ Power in the prior application as originally filed.
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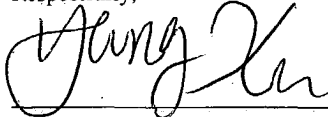
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